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SUBJECT: RUDOLF HESS: BRITISH DEMARCHE TO SOVIETS

REFS: (A) USBER 2254; (B) BONN 17876

1. IN RECENT TRIPARTITE SESSION, FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) SAID PARIS WOULD MAKE DEMARCHE TO SOVIETS ON HESS -- AS REQUESTED BY BRITISH -- ON TWO CONDITIONS: (A) THAT THE US ALSO MAKE A DEMARCHE; AND (B) THAT THE UK INFORM FRENCH AND AMERICANS IN DETAIL OF HATTERSLEY-LUNKOV EXCHANGE ON SUBJECT.

2. UK REP (HITCH) ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ONLY A BRIEF REPORT OF HATTERSLEY-LUNKOV MEETING HAD BEEN PASSED. HITCH APOLOGIZED AND PROMISED TO PROVIDE DETAILS. HITCH THEN ASKED FOR US POSITION.

3. US REP SAID HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS. GIVEN LUNKOV'S  
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RESPONSE -- WHICH HAD BEEN EXPECTED -- HOWEVER, ONE

HAD TO QUESTION USEFULNESS OF DEMARCHE BY US OR FRANCE  
AT THIS LATE DATE. US REP INDICATED HE HAD BEEN  
SURPRISED THAT BRITISH HAD GONE AHEAD PRIOR TO US AND  
FRENCH REPLIES TO THE UK REQUEST. HITCH AGREED IT  
WOULD HAVE BEEN PREFERABLE FOR LONDON TO HAVE AWAITED  
US AND FRENCH RESPONSES BEFORE MAKING DEMARCHE TO  
SOVIETS IN LONDON.

4. COMMENT: GIVEN FACT THAT BRITISH HAVE NOT  
RAISED THIS WITH US SINCE OCTOBER 30 DISCUSSION (REF B)  
-- IT WAS FRENCH WHO RAISED IT IN MOST RECENT TRIPARTITE  
SESSION -- IT CAN CERTAINLY BE SAID THAT UK IS NOT  
PRESSING ISSUE AND PERHAPS REALIZES AND ACCEPTS  
RELUCTANCE OF US AND FRANCE TO MAKE PARALLEL DEMARCHES.  
BRITISH HAVE ALWAYS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THEIR DOMESTIC  
POLITICAL SCENE REQUIRED THEM TO BE OUT FRONT ON THIS  
ISSUE AND TO UNDERTAKE INITIATIVES ON HESS WHICH THEY  
OTHERWISE WOULD AVOID. OUR CONCLUSIONS ARE: (A) THE  
UK IS NOT PRESSING US ON THIS; AND (B) THEY WILL  
UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT IT IF WE DECLINE TO MAKE  
DEMARCHE.

5. REQUEST GUIDANCE.  
HILLENBRAND

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